In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A hand-guided sander ~~having~~comprising:

a housing (12);

a sanding plate (30) which has a base (38);

a center of mass (78);

a sanding drive unit (16) for driving the sanding plate (30);

and a rechargeable battery unit (28);

wherein a~~whose~~ size of the housing (12) is essentially limited to that of a~~the~~ base (38) of a~~the~~ sanding plate (30), wherein the housing (12) is equipped to accommodate a~~the~~ rechargeable battery unit (28), wherein the sanding plate (30) has a symmetry axis (72) which extends through the center of mass (78) and on which a support point (76) of the sanding plate (30) for the sanding drive (16) is situated, wherein the sanding plate (30) is delta-shaped, wherein the symmetry axis (72) of the sanding plate (30) extends from a tip (70) of the sanding plate (30) to a blunt end (74) of the sanding plate (30) and wherein the support point (76) of the sanding plate (30) is located between the center of mass (78) and the blunt end (74) of the sanding plate (30).

2. (original) The sander as recited in claim 1,

characterized by means of a rechargeable battery unit (28) equipped with lithium-ion cells.

3. (previously presented) The sander as recited in claim 1, wherein the height (26) of the housing (12) perpendicular to the base (38) is at most as great as its longitudinal span (24) along the base (38).

4. (currently amended) The sander as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized by means of a~~wherein the sanding plate (30) comprises a support flange (32), oscillation feet (36) and mounts (36) which are oriented towards the housing (12), and wherein the sanding plate (30) ~~that is~~ integrally joined to ~~its~~the support flange (32), to the oscillation feet (34), and to ~~their~~the mounts (36) ~~oriented toward the housing~~.

5. (previously presented) The sander as recited in claim 1, characterized by means of a motor (14) oriented perpendicular to the sanding plate (30).

6. (original) The sander as recited in claim 5, characterized by means of an electronic unit (18) that is oriented with a flat side (58) parallel to the sanding plate (30).

7. (previously presented) The sander as recited in claim 1, wherein a motor (14) is oriented parallel to the sanding plate (30).

8. (original) The sander as recited in claim 7, characterized by means of an electronic unit (18) that is oriented with a flat side (58) perpendicular to the sanding plate (30).

9. (previously presented)The sander as recited in claim 1, characterized by means of a transmission (50, 52) that is situated between the motor (14) and a sanding drive unit (16) of the sanding plate (30) and has a transmission ratio of at most 3.

10. (previously presented) The sander as recited in claim 1, characterized by means of a sanding plate (30) that has a symmetry axis (72), which extends through its center of mass (78) and on which a support point (76) of the sanding plate (30) is situated.

11. (previously presented) The sander as recited in claim 1, wherein the housing (12) has an electrical connection (56) for connecting to a charger (88).

12. (original) The sander as recited in claim 11,

wherein the electrical connection (56) is suitable for assuring that an operating voltage is supplied in at least one operating mode.

13. (withdrawn) A sander cradle,

wherein a charging connection (82) is provided for connecting to a charger (88) and has the capacity to be activated when a sander (10) is placed onto it.

14. (withdrawn) The sander cradle as recited in claim 13,

wherein a holder (84) is provided for sanding accessories.

15. (currently amended) A~~The~~ sander as recited in claim 1, wherein the housing (12) is provided for containing at least one motor (14), a~~the~~ sanding drive unit (16) for a~~the~~ sanding plate (30), whose longitudinal span (24) is at least as great as a height (26) of the housing perpendicular to the base (46), ~~characterized by means of~~and a receptacle for a~~the~~ rechargeable battery unit (28), wherein the housing (12) further comprises a divided plastic casing, having a first and second housing part (40, 42), in which means are provided for the insertion of the motor (14) and/or the electric unit (18) and/or the rechargeable battery unit (28) and/or a transmission (50, 52) and/or the sanding drive unit (16) for the sanding plate (30), and wherein the housing (12) juts out slightly over the base (38) at the blunt end (74) of the sanding plate (30).

Claim 16 cancelled.